

## DRBC 2021 Sec 106 Clean Water Act Workplan Review

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EPA Provided Comments: 08/17/2020

DRBC Response:

EPA Approval:

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### General

- A formal review of the budget will take place once DRBC officially submits via grants.gov however it was preliminary reviewed with no major issues identified at this time.

Noted

- Update the template to say CY2021 for the Outputs (Currently reads as FY2021).

Corrections Made

### PCB TMDLs

- Please remove Joel Blanco's name from the work plan.

Correction Made

- Add Ashley Toy as an EPA contact to the PCB TMDL Task (page 14/14 of PDF)

Correction Made

### PFAS

- DRBC is using SGS-AXYS for all its PFAS sampling. EPA reached out to Office of Science and Technology (OST) at HQ to see what they thought about the quality of analysis SGS-AXYS was conducting since there are no EPA approved PFAS methods for sediment and fish tissue. OST informed R3 that EPA and SGS-AXYS have a long history and that the analysis they are doing is high quality.

Noted

### Monitoring and Assessment

- Delaware River Basin Tributary Biological Monitoring: As DRBC develops tributary bioassessment methods, EPA suggests DRBC work towards methods that will be complementary to state bioassessment methods to allow sharing of data between DRBC and the basin states and vice versa. EPA's Freshwater Biology Team is available to provide technical support to DRBC with bioassessment methodology development.

Noted

- Macroinvertebrate study lists years in terms of Fiscal Year (page 5 of 14) – is DRBC using the Federal Fiscal Year for this reference? Should it be calendar year?  
Should be CY. Correction Made
- Delaware River and Bay Water Quality Criteria Review: Please change EPA contact to K.L. Lai.  
Correction Made
- Effects Based Assessment of Contaminant Mixtures: Please change EPA contact to K.L. Lai.  
Correction Made

#### **Estuary Eutrophication Model Development**

- EPA reminds DRBC that technological and/or economic attainability are not components of criteria development. Criteria must protect the designated use(s). Attainability can be considered through a variance, use attainability analysis, or compliance schedule.  
Noted